

RAILROADS PLANNING TO INSURE WORKERS

DELAWARE AND HUDSON ANNOUNCES SCHEME.

Others Are Preparing to Follow Lead, Insurance Companies Announce.

New York.—Many railroads of the country soon may insure their employees, it was indicated, after the Delaware and Hudson Company announced it had taken out group life and permanent disability insurance for every one who has been on its pay rolls six months or more.

Large insurance underwriters said other railroads were negotiating for similar protection for their employees.

Each Delaware and Hudson employee of two years' standing was insured for \$500 and those in the service six months, but less than two years, for \$250, the company to pay the entire cost, and the men to select their own beneficiaries.

At death the insurance will be paid in a lump sum, and to permanently or totally disabled workers in monthly installments.

No medical examination is to be required. Employees leaving the service for any reason can exchange their certificates without medical examination for policies of the same amount, paying the regular rates for their age at the time of substitution.

Groups of employees, consisting of not less than three-fourths of those in any class, who desire insurance above \$500 must apply for it before March 31 next.

The company, said the announcement, which was signed by President L. F. Loree, "will undertake to insure employees against unemployment resulting from dismissal for any cause, providing payments of \$15 a week for six weeks, or for so much of that time as a discharged employee may be unable to find employment, conditioned upon each employee having subscribed for and contributed toward the cost of at least two or three forms of insurance provided under the group plan.

NEWSPAPERS ASSAILED AT TARIFF HEARINGS

News Print Agent Charles Publishers Use "Undue Influence" to Get Paper on Free List.

Washington.—Senate tariff hearings were enlivened by an attack on American newspaper publishers by Col. William E. Haskell of New York City, vice-president of the International Paper Co., and a counter attack on the news print paper manufacturers by William J. Pape, publisher of the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican, speaking for a number of small publishers who, he said, organized a joint buying corporation, because many of them were "unable, single-handed, to assist themselves in an endeavor to obtain fair priced news print."

Urging a tariff protection for his industry against European competition, Col. Haskell told the committee that Congress has gradually yielded to the clamors of the paid agents of the publishers until finally all tariff on news print had been removed and the industry abandoned to drift in the ebb and flow of the international competitive tide.

Asserting that news print was the only product of the paper making industry "which has been deprived of all protection and be-deviled by inspired federal regulation and interference," the witness said the reason for "the invidious treatment this branch of the industry has suffered is obvious."

To Cruise on Ex-Kaiser's Schooner. Manchester, N. H.—Gooden Woodbury, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is soon to start on a cruise to the Mediterranean and the South Sea Islands, it was learned. The voyage will be made on the schooner Half Moon, recently owned by the former German emperor, and before him by Bertha Krupp.

Ban on Courting by "Honking." New York.—The growing practice of giving automobile horns a come-hither honk to summon a friend or sweetheart for a spin, in preference to getting out and buzzing the doorbell, must stop, it was declared in traffic court, when a driver was fined \$5 for such conduct.

Loses Legs in Saving Boy. Wichita, Kan.—Thomas Ball, a freight conductor, is in a hospital here in a dangerous condition as a result of injuries received when he seized a boy and threw him out of the path of a train. The boy was uninjured. Both of Ball's legs were severed.

Admits Killing Former Legislator. Minneapolis, Minn.—Earl Slater of Winnebago, Minn., was arrested at Blue Earth in connection with the murder of Frank L. Kelly, former member of the Minnesota State Legislature.

Not to Permit Volunteer Dry Agents. Washington.—A ban on "prohibition vigilantes" was ordered by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair. He stated emphatically that no outside organization was permitted to take over any work of prohibition enforcement.

Two of Marshal Foch's Souvenirs



Marshal Foch has gone back to France, carrying with him numerous souvenirs of his visit to the United States. Among the most prized are the gold sword presented him by the French Institute in the United States, which he is here seen receiving from President MacDougal Hawke; and the Montana wildcat given him by a post of the American Legion, shown below.

10,000 WELCOME DEBS HOME FROM PRISON

Jollification Follows Parade From Terre Haute Railway Station to House Where Wife Awaits Him.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Welcomed by the cheers of thousands of followers, friends and neighbors, Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, returned to his home here after an absence of almost three years spent in federal prison for his anti-war speech in 1918 when America was at war, and responded to the greeting with a speech from the front porch of his home, pledging again that he would not rest until others, now serving prison terms, are free.

"I have a heart for my fellow prisoners left behind me at Atlanta," said Debs, "and I shall not rest until they are restored to their loved ones." Mrs. Debs was not at the railroad station to meet her husband, for she preferred their reunion to be in the privacy of their home. Debs, who was released from the Atlanta prison last Sunday by presidential commutation, was delayed in reaching here by a two-day visit to Washington, and an afternoon stop at Indianapolis. A long line of marchers escorted him from the station to his home, and then wended its way into the downtown district to continue jollification. Leaders in charge of the delegation variously estimated the participants in the jollification to number from 10,000 to 15,000. Hundreds of spectators walked the line of march of the paraders.

Debs declined to discuss the conference with the attorney general except to say after reading the statement issued by Daugherty that he came to Washington before going to his home in Terre Haute, Ind., at the request of Daugherty.

NAVY ABANDONS ANNUAL MANEUVERS OF FLEET

Called Off in Interest of Economy and Because of Shortage of Funds.

Washington.—The annual joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, which were to have been held in Panama Bay in February and March, 1922, have been abandoned, the navy department announced.

Decision to cancel arrangements for the maneuvers was reached by the department, it was stated, in the interests of economy and because of the shortage of funds available for purchase of required fuel.

Independent drills will be held by several warships of the Atlantic fleet, beginning January 3 in Guantanamo Bay, and drills and target practice will be conducted off the California Coast by the Pacific fleet, the navy department announced.

The official statement follows: "The Navy Department has decided, on account of a shortage of funds under the appropriation for fuel, to abandon the projected joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets that were to be held in Panama Bay during February and March, 1922.

"A number of vessels of the Atlantic fleet will, however, proceed on January 3, 1922, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for winter drill and target practice. The Pacific fleet will base on San Pedro and San Diego, Cal., and carry on drills and target practice."

420 Tons of Silk in Shipment. San Francisco, Cal.—One of the largest shipments of silk from the Orient ever received on the Pacific Coast was transferred from the steamer Tenyo Maru to a special train, which was scheduled for a fast run to New York.

Three Killed, 2 Hurt in Fight. London, Ky.—Eye-witness accounts of a battle at Portersburg, Clay county, in which three men were killed and two others probably fatally wounded, reached here.

FILMS ON FARMING SHOWN IN ILLINOIS

Projector Run by Auto Power in Places Without Electricity.

Chicago, Ill.—Motion pictures on dairying, poultry and the use of agricultural limestone, shown in rural sections of Illinois where there is no electricity, by attaching the motion picture machine to an automobile, are producing a marked improvement, H. J. Schwietert of the Illinois Central Railroad announced here.

"Through its development bureau the Illinois Central is making a great effort to aid farmers along its system in Illinois," said Schwietert, who is in charge of this work. "Some 10,000 people in Illinois have seen the reels and heard the lectures accompanying them."

"The farmers are not only urged to increased production, but more economical production. The importance of improving the rural home life is emphasized by urging the farmer to give to his wife and children the labor-saving machinery and conveniences so essential to make home life pleasant and attractive, and which must be done if the boys and girls are to remain on the farm."

"Cow, swine and poultry judging contests are conducted wherever it is possible to do so and the essential characteristics to look for in a high-producing cow, hen and sow are emphasized."

Various agricultural campaigns are planned in co-operation with bankers and business men, Schwietert added, and so far as possible the meetings are held in community schoolhouses in the rural districts. The lecturers are agricultural agents employed by the railroad company, who are experts in their line of work, he said.

To augment the work in dairying, the Illinois Central has purchased a considerable number of pure-bred bulls of the dairy type.

Woman Waiting for Car, Shot.

Dallas, Tex.—Mrs. Rose Easterwood, 36 years old, was shot and perhaps mortally wounded when waiting for a street car. John Easterwood, her husband, was taken into custody for questioning. Mrs. H. M. Stanley, daughter of the Easterwoods, told officers her parents had been separated.

Employees Offered Stock at \$84.

New York.—Pursuing its stock subscription plan previously announced, the United States Steel Corporation will offer to its employees and those of its subsidiaries 100,000 shares of common stock at \$84 a share, Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board, announced.

Gen. Diaz "Duke of Victory."

Rome.—King Victor Emmanuel conferred the title "Duke of Victory" upon Gen. Armando Diaz, commander of the Italian armies during the war. The title will be hereditary and will be assumed by the first born of each generation of Gen. Diaz's descendants.

Two Killed When Train Strikes Auto.

Marietta, Ga.—H. H. Buxton, ice manufacturer, and Mrs. Maggie Gorman, both of Atlanta, were killed here when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a passenger train on the Louisville & Nashville railroad at Polk's crossing.

Found Tied to Telephone Post.

Muncie, Ind.—Albert Schneider, 18 years old, a factory employee, was found tied to a telephone post in the outskirts of the city. He was in a semi-conscious condition due to fright and exposure.

Rome Has Population of 750,000.

Rome, Italy.—Rome now has a population of 750,000, according to census returns. The population was officially estimated at 600,000 in 1916. Milan has grown from 600,000 to 720,000 in the last year.

ENVOYS AGREE TO HUMANIZE UNDERSEA WAR

DEBATE OVER BAN ON ATTACKING MERCHANT SHIPPING STARTS.

JAPAN BRINGS UP OLD TREATY

Shidehara Wants Major Island Excluded While Balfour Desires Australia and New Zealand Included.

Washington.—The first of the Root resolutions on the use of submarines, providing for their operation under certain well-recognized principles of international law was adopted in principle by the full naval committee of the Washington Conference and submitted to a drafting committee for certain changes in minor detail.

The second Root resolution, which would recognize the impossibility of using submarines as commerce destroyers, and would invite all nations to give their assent thereto, was taken up, but discussion was not completed.

In discussing the second resolution, however, the British declared they would accept it only with the understanding that it should become immediately effective upon its adoption, as between the five powers represented in the Naval Conference in any war as between themselves without waiting for other nations to give their assent.

The Naval Committee debated the Root resolution throughout a day before arriving at its decision to turn article 1 of the resolutions over to a committee with instructions to draft its language without modifications of the principles stated in the original proposal. Secretary Hughes invited the discussion immediately upon the convening of the Naval Committee, and Balfour, for the British group, declared that, providing article 1 did in fact "really embody the existing rules of war," he personally believed it desirable that "these should be reaffirmed in their relation to submarine warfare."

Reiterating that he spoke only for himself, Balfour said that he believed "a formal and authoritative statement that submarines had no license to break the rules by which other ships in war were bound could do nothing but good."

Admiral de Bon of the French group said he shared wholly in Balfour's views and that the French delegation gave "in principle our general adhesion" to the statement that submarines "should of necessity be bound by the rules of international law."

"But as this law is of a very special nature," Admiral de Bon said, "it seems to us that the most practical solution would be to refer the consideration of the text submitted by Root to a committee of jurists which would advise us as to its opinion in regard to the wording to be adopted."

MOST DOCTORS OPPOSE LIQUOR PRESCRIPTIONS

2,743 Consider Whisky Unnecessary in Practice and 2,524 Hold Different Views.

Chicago.—A majority of physicians from six states, replying to an alcoholic questionnaire sent out by the Journal of the American Medical Association, asserted that they did not regard whisky, beer and wine as necessary therapeutic agents in the practice of medicine, while nearly two-thirds of them said they believed there should be restrictions in prescribing liquor.

About three-fourths of the replies asserted there were no instances of the practice of the physicians where suffering or death had resulted from the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

The Journal, in its issue of December 31, will announce the tabulation for these states—Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska and Rhode Island. Last week the Journal announced the result of the questionnaire sent to physicians in Indiana and Illinois.

In these states combined, 2,743 physicians replied that they did not consider whisky as a necessary therapeutic agent in the practice of medicine and 2,524 asserted they had found it of value.

On the question of beer, 1,404 doctors in the eight states replied they believed it had medical value and 3,338 physicians said they did not believe it necessary as a therapeutic agent.

Wine as a therapeutic agent was supported by 1,502 doctors in the eight states and opposed by 3,624.

Hide Investigation Urged.

Hartford, Conn.—Connecticut Board of Agriculture has written Attorney General Daugherty asking him to order an investigation of the hide and leather market. The letter says that farmers get only 5 or 6 cents a pound for cattle hide, sometimes not over 3.

Refined Sugar Down to 4.80.

New York.—Prices for refined sugar declined to another new record when a local refiner reduced the list quotation 10 points to the basis of 4.80 cents per pound for fine granulated.

MISSOURI IS SECOND IN TRUST RESOURCES GAINS

Companies in This State Show \$125,258,000 Increase in Year Ending June 30 Last.

St. Louis, Mo.—Missouri was second only to Ohio in the amount of increase in trust company resources during the past year, according to a review of the situation contained in a book published by the United States Mortgage and Trust Company of New York.

Missouri's trust companies on June 30 last had resources of \$414,255,000, a gain of \$125,258,000 over the previous year.

In commenting on trust company conditions during the past year John W. Platten, president of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, says:

"No stronger evidence of the stability of trust companies has been forthcoming during their entire history than was demonstrated during the past year in connection with their banking operations. The year ending June 30, 1921, covered by the latest return as given in the 1921 edition of 'Trust Companies of the United States,' was one of tremendous recession of prices and values, attended by reduction of bank loans, contraction of credit and rapid falling off of deposits.

"Notwithstanding these adverse conditions, the resources of the trust companies of the United States, as of June 30, 1921, amounted to \$123,323,430,000 for the 2,390 companies reporting, a decrease for the year of only \$128,000,000."

Day Nursery Given House.

Sedalia, Mo.—Mrs. Sarah E. Cotton made a Christmas presentation to the Sedalia Meletia Day Nursery of the property that for several years has been in use for the children whose mothers are employed during the day, together with the grounds, a valuable quarter of a block.

Tom Cloney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cloney, made a gift of a victrola and records for the children and residents of Smithton, and Warrensburg gave them many valuable remembrances.

Commutes Death Penalty.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Hyde commuted the death penalty imposed upon John Moore of Kansas City to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Moore, who shot and killed Police Officer McMahon after he had shot and killed the proprietor of a saloon in Kansas City whom he claimed, had robbed him in a gambling game, was to be executed December 30. Walter Colvin, an attorney from Kansas City, appeared for Moore.

Ninth District Delegates Named.

Macon, Mo.—Judge W. F. Frank of Adair county was nominated for delegate to the constitutional convention by the Republican convention of the ninth senatorial district, held here. Judge Frank defeated D. R. Hughes of Macon by 1 vote. Both delegates from the ninth district reside in Kirksville. M. D. Campbell having been named by the Democrats.

Held on Mann Act Charge.

Sedalia, Mo.—Archie O. Hotchkiss, a former Sedalia, was arrested by Chief of Police John Kaiser and Federal Officer Edward Portly of Kansas City on a charge of violating the Mann act. With him at the time of his arrest was Mrs. Eva D. Hallor of Milwood, Wash., whom he is charged with transporting from Spokane, Wash., to Sedalia.

Explosion Wrecks \$60,000 Plant.

Joplin, Mo.—Mine plant No. 2 of the Skelton Lead & Zinc Company, near Picher, Okla., was destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The mine, although inactive for several months, was one of the biggest producers in the district.

Bids on Drainage Asked.

Chillicothe, Mo.—The city council has accepted plans and specifications of the city engineer, Joe Broadbent, for the Williams, Burke and Marsh sewer districts, and bids for the construction of the sewers will be asked for at once.

Requisition for Horse Thief.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Hyde honored his first requisition for the return to another state of a man accused of horse stealing. The man is Cyril Landuyt of Big Corn county, Mont. He is in custody in Kansas City.

Wed in Sedalia.

Sedalia, Mo.—N. C. Steele and Miss Phillie E. Hatfield, both of Syracuse, Mo., were married here by Rev. R. M. Inlow, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Hensley Public Administrator.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Hyde appointed L. W. Hensley public administrator of Wright county, vice J. M. Carter, deceased.

Addresses Sedalia Autoists.

Sedalia, Mo.—William King of St. Louis, general manager of the Automobile Club of Missouri, addressed an assemblage of the autoists of Sedalia at the chamber of commerce there, to create a more general interest in the club.

Bank of Exeter Robbed of \$5,000.

Joplin, Mo.—Two masked bandits robbed the bank of Exeter at Exeter, Mo., sixty miles southwest of here and escaped in a motor car with \$5,000 in cash.

FOUR KILLED, THREE HURT AS TRAIN HITS AUTO.

Springfield, Mo.—Four lives were a toll of a crossing accident at Mountain Grove, when a south-bound St. Louis and San Francisco freight train crashed into an automobile, in which seven persons were riding. Mrs. Thomas Dobbins, Sr., her son Phil Dobbins, aged 22, Omer Dobbins, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dobbins, Jr., and a two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dobbins, Jr., were killed.

All the members of the party reside at Drury, Mo., southeast of here, and were on their homeward way from Mountain Grove when the accident occurred near the city limits.

Thomas Dobbins, who was driving, did not see the train. The machine was demolished.

LARGE STILL SEIZED AND SIX ARRESTED

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—One of the largest stills ever found by prohibition agents in this section was taken here with 2,500 gallons of mash, together with six men, one of whom was recently convicted in connection with the robbery of the Bank of Quila.

The still, located in Ripley county, was found on the banks of what is known as "Last Chance Creek."

Tom Craft, who is awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court on his recent conviction in connection with the bank robbery; Albert Curbertson, Ben Sluyton, a farmer, and his two sons, Ernest and Swaer, and E. L. Saddler were released on bonds.

DEADLOCK ON DELEGATE ENDS AFTER 318 BALLOTS

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—J. B. Daniels of Piedmont was chosen Democratic delegate from the 21st district to the constitutional convention. There were thirty-eight delegates from seven counties at the district convention here. R. B. Oliver of Ripley county; J. B. Daniels of Wayne county, and T. R. Neely of Dunklin county were the nominees, and for several hours their vote was nearly tied.

Roy Davis Visits Capital.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Roy Davis of Columbia, Mo., recently appointed United States Minister to Guatemala, was here with his wife spending the holidays with relatives. He does not know when he will be called to assume his post, but is ready to go when ordered. Davis began his public career when he was a schoolboy and living with his parents in Lewis county, Mo., when he was appointed a page in the House. During the administration of Gov. Hadley he was appointed to a deputyship in the State Labor Department. His wife is the daughter of the late Dr. L. N. Enloe of this city.

Con-Con Lists Recorded.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The following list of nominees of candidates for district delegates to the state constitutional convention was filed with the Secretary of State: J. C. Wilson of Bethany, Democrat, from the fourth district; John S. Hamyes of Buffalo, Democrat, from the nineteenth district; L. M. Henson of Poplar Bluff, Republican, from the twenty-first district; Frank E. Atwood of Carrollton, Republican, from the eighth district; Frank H. Farris of Rolla, Democrat, from the twenty-fourth district; E. Hitt Stewart of Kahokia, Democrat, from the twelfth district.

Boonville Merit System Condemned.

St. Louis, Mo.—The merit system at the state reformatory at Boonville, which permits an offender convicted of a serious crime to obtain his release in the same length of time as boys sent there for trivial offenses, is condemned in a report submitted to Gov. Hyde by the special committee of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, which investigated the Boonville institution a month ago. Attorney Joseph B. Greensfelder of Kirksville, who was elected chairman of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, headed the committee.

Blue Sky Supervisor.

Jefferson City.—State Finance Commissioner Hughes announced the appointment of Bernard Hedwitz, an attorney of Kansas City, as state supervisor under the blue sky law. He succeeds Gus D. Nations, Jr., who has resigned and will return to St. Louis to resume the practice of law. Hedwitz will take charge of the blue sky department at once.

Lawyers Elect Officers.

Jefferson City, Mo.—State Senator William C. Irwin has been elected president of the Cole County Bar Association. Other officers have been elected as follows: Vice-president, A. Tom Dunn; secretary, Thomas Speed Mosby; treasurer, Thomas Antrobus.

Sedalia Girl Weds.

Sedalia, Mo.—Miss Eula Floy Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Logan, Sedalia, and William Alva Crowder, Sweet Springs, were married Christmas Eve by Rev. A. W. Koken-dorfer, pastor of the First Christian Church.

Railroads Will Reopen Shops.

Sedalia, Mo.—The local Missouri Pacific shops, which were indefinitely closed recently, will reopen January 3, it was officially announced. Approximately 1,400 men will return to work. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas shops, also closed recently, will reopen January 3, an official bulletin said.

California Girl Weds.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Miss Madslyne Cole, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole, was married to Leo Archibald of Carrollton, Mo.